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FUTURE OECD EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

REF: A) STATE 169335; B) OECD 18839; C) C(76)120;
D) C(76)75

Q. INTER-AGENCY DISCUSSION ON EDUCATION REFERRED TO IN
REF A APPARENTLY TOOK PLACE WITHOUT AWARENESS OF OTHER
DISCUSSION IN COUNCIL PLANNING CONTEXT ON THIS ISSUE
(SEE REF B). PROPOSAL IN PARA 7 (IV) OF C(76)75 GOES
FAR BEYOND EDUCATION AND MISSION'S CONCERN IS TO ENSURE
THAT CENTRAL DIRECTION OF SECRETARIAT KEEPS FULLY ON TOP
OF A BROAD INTER-DISCIPLINARY INITIATIVE, LEST GASS AND
CO. RUN AWAY WITH BALL. UNDER PROCEDURE TO BE AGREED IN
DRAFT ENTRY CONTAINED IN ANNEX II, PARA G OF C(76)120,
CENTRAL PLANNING AND EVALUATION UNIT WILL BE CHARGED
WITH EXPLORING OPTIONS. THERE IS PROVISION FOR CONSUL-
TATION WITH INTERESTED DELEGATIONS AND ANY PROPOSAL WILL
BE SUBMITTED TO PLANNING MEETING. THUS THERE WILL BE
AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR DIRECT INPUT BY DIRECTOR OF NIE
HODGKINSON AS MENTIONED IN PARA 3 OF REF A.

2. TO REPEAT WE ARE AT VERY EARLIEST STAGE OF AN IDEA
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WHICH HAS NOT YET EVEN BEEN DEFINED CLEARLY BUT IS

GROPING FOR NEW INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR SOME OF THE
MORE INNOVATIVE OECD RESEARCH PROJECTS. IT MAY OR
MAY NOT EVENTUALLY FLY. WE ARE, HOWEVER, VERY CONCERNED
THAT THE IDEA BE DEVELOPED WITH OVERALL US PRIORITIES
FOR OECD IN MIND AND WITHOUT SACRIFICING ANY US
OBJECTIVES, INCLUDING ESPECIALLY IN EDUCATION FIELD.

3. WE PLAN TO GO ALONG WITH PARAS (F) AND (G) OF
DRAFT ENTRY IN C(76)120; BUT WE DEFINITELY NEED
COMMENTS ON SUBSTANCE OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND OTHER
PARAS DRAFT ENTRY.

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